

A1 auxiliary feature and does not form part of the claimed invention. For certain embodiments, it is preferred that the cover 12 be substantially flat so that the container 10 is stackable.

Please replace the paragraph of the specification at page 3, lines 33-page 4, line 7 with the following:

A2 The container 10 comprises a floor pan 22 and sidewalls 20 projecting outwardly from the floor pan 22. Preferably, in use, the sidewalls 20 project upwardly and terminate at an end forming the mouth 26 or opening of the container 10. The illustrated embodiment has four sidewalls 20. However, it is to be recognized the invention is not so limited.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claim 6 and 7 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 13 and 14 to read as follows.

A3 1. (Amended) A container having a plurality of upstanding sidewalls interconnected by a floor pan, at least one upstanding strut, wherein at least one of said sidewalls is reinforceable with an upstanding strut, ^{AT} _{LAB} said strut being removable from said sidewall without separation from said container.

A4 4. (Amended) A container according to Claim 2, wherein said strut is attachable to said container at said distal end of said strut.

A5 8. (Amended) A container according to Claim 5, wherein said strut comprises a panel, said panel being substantially coextensive of and attachable to a sidewall of said container.

12. (Amended) A container according to Claim 11, wherein said reversibly transformable struts and said floor pan support are integral and comprise a single reinforcement.

A6 13. (Amended) A container according to Claim 11, wherein said container comprises a first material and said reinforcement comprises a second material, said first material and said second material being dissimilar.

14. (Amended) A container according to Claim 13, wherein said reinforcement comprises fluted cardboard.